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Here's the dope on some prospects for the YOUNGER BOYS Camp at Miniwanca:

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And here are a couple of YOUNGER GIRLS Camp prospects for good measure!

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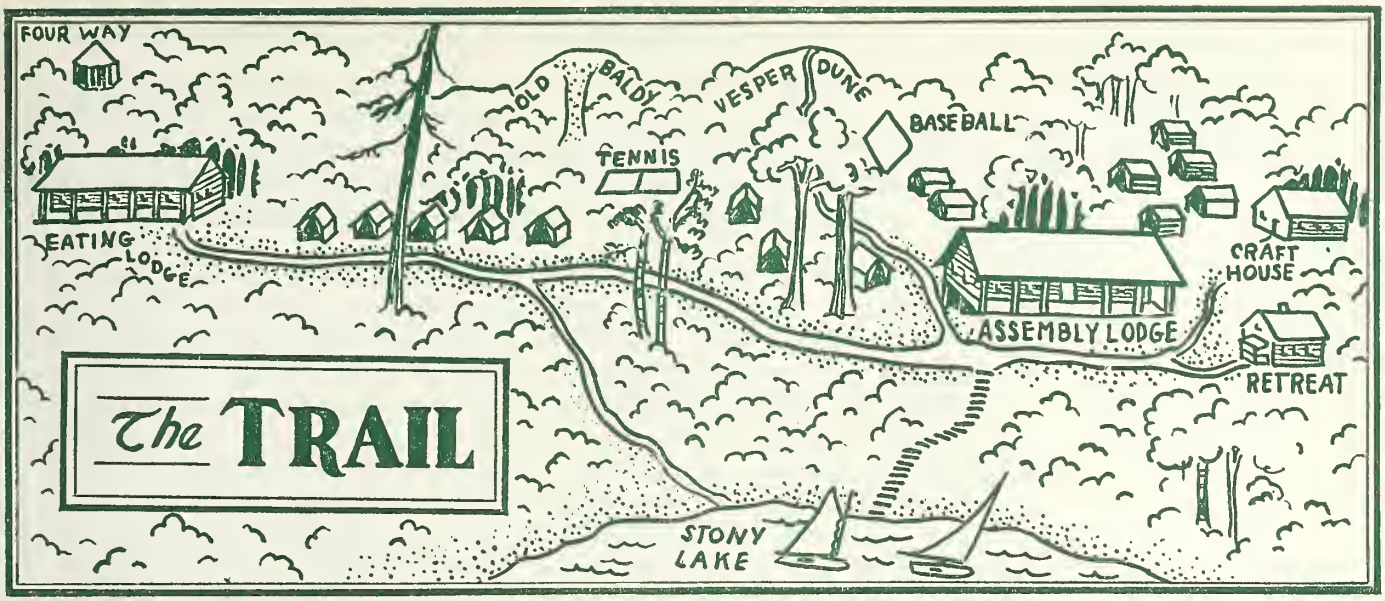
Cooperatively yours,

SIGNED _____

Camper



The TRAIL

Official Newsletter of the Miniwanca Younger Boys and Pre-Senior Camps

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, 3930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Mo.

APRIL 1947

SPRINGTIME AT MINIWANCA SPEAKING-

What is it talking about? Marbles? Baseball? Kites and strings? Yes! And always hinting at more serious things.

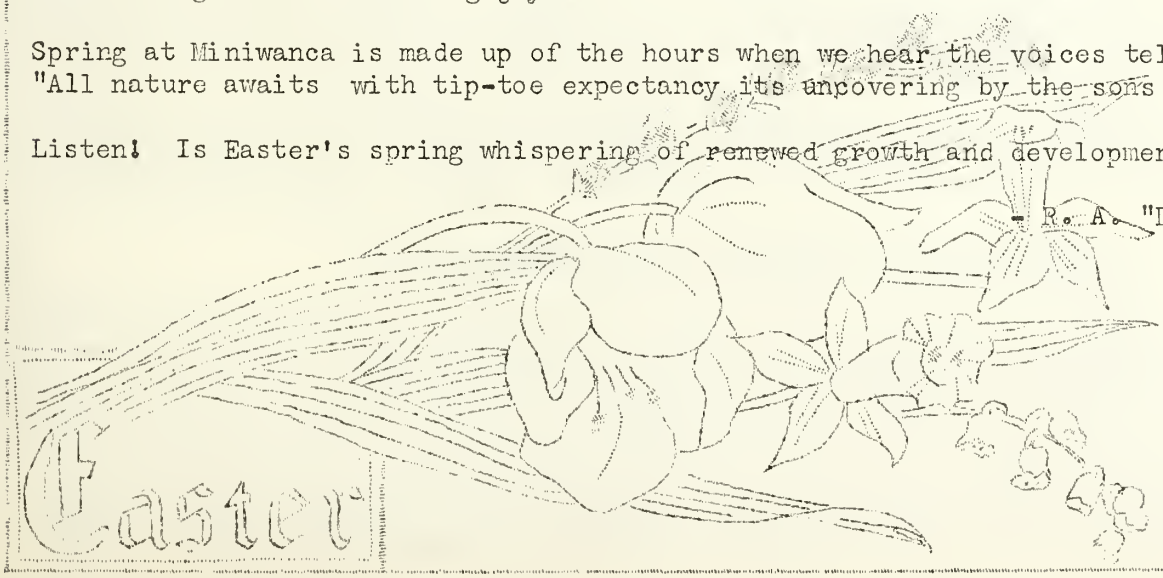
To all Miniwanca sprigs...sprigs of nature and of human nature...each returning spring with its Easter message says: Bud forth, the summer that cometh now is, the summer you have been looking forward to so eagerly being wrapped up in each passing moment, and we can only live a better tomorrow by being our best selves today.

Our dream that the future is to realize is not floating like some sun-lit cloud on the horizon, but is hidden deep within the stuff of which we are made. Recreative spring both uncovers the depths and reveals the heights. Spring so quickens our sleeping powers that they beat like caged birds against the restraining bars. Out in the free spaces of action would we be, experiencing the ways of vital living and tasting life's abounding joys.

Spring at Miniwanca is made up of the hours when we hear the voices telling us that "All nature awaits with tip-toe expectancy its uncovering by the sons of God."

Listen! Is Easter's spring whispering of renewed growth and development?

- R. A. "DAD" WAITE



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GREETINGS TO ALL YOU CAMPERS AND LEADERS!!

It's snowing here in St. Louis, as I'm seated at my typewriter desk pecking away at this Easter Issue of the TRAIL, but I know - and we all know - that it won't be many more weeks before we'll be enjoying the lakes and the sunshine on the sand-dunes of Michigan.

How are you ABBOTT BROTHERS right over there in Grand Rapids? - Are you watching the camp for us this winter? And how are you TEDDY CADIEU and GREGOR MC ADAM down in Indiana? - Playing any basketball this winter? And moving farther South we're thinking about ARCHIE CHURCH and BOBBY WILSON 'way down south in the land of "Cain-tucky" - And who's coming up from Tennessee with you this summer DEAN DAVIS? - How about bringing a fellow along with you from good old Pennsylvania ED KASE? - STANLEY MATHEWS can leave his "cold weather" down in Florida when he returns to Miniw anca for another year of fun - And how about bringing another boy from the state "where the tall corn grows" PAUL MC CLAIN? - And DAN and TAYLOR and CHARLIE how about bringing some more "mountaineers" from down in West Virginia when you hit the highways to camp? There are so many boys coming from the "Buckeye" State of Ohio that we haven't room to mention them all - and of course, there will be a few guys from Missouri again too! We're very glad that RONNIE CREIGHTON, WALTER LAWRENCE and TOM ROGERS are returning after having to miss camp in 1946...so a BIG H E L L O to all you campers EVERYWHERE!

UP AT MINIWANCA IN JANUARY

when I visited our camp grounds, we had zero weather also! No, I didn't take a dip in Stony that morning, but I did a lot of hiking all over the camp property, in the snow, with our Caretaker, Mr. Rudolph Burmeister. There were great blocks of ice along the Michigan waterfront, but over on Stony the ice flow had not become too strong as yet, and our new concrete docks that we poured last summer were holding up fine. And if they stand the beating of the waves and ice this winter, maybe we can afford to take a chance and pour some concrete runways to the boat docks next summer. One of the things that Rudolph and I talked about was

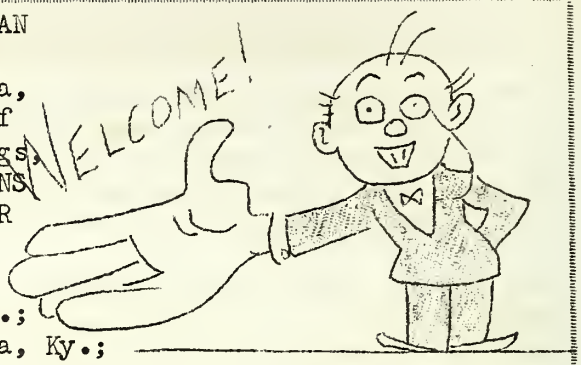
THE NEW PORCH WE ARE BUILDING ON THE CRAFTHOUSE

so we'll have more elbow-room to work on handicraft projects this summer. It will be large enough to hold four good-sized tables, where many more boys can gather around and have fun making things out of wood and leather and plastic. "Charlie" Pauck, professor at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky will be back again, and you know he will have a lot of new crafts up his sleeves. Here's hoping we are able to buy all the tools and materials he has already asked us to order....and we are sure the Crafthouse will be an even more popular place than it was last summer. JACK BODINE, an outstanding Crafts Instructor in 1943 - before he went in Uncle Sam's Navy - will be back to assist Charlie in the enlarged Crafts program.

AS WE TRAVELED OVER THE GROUNDS I KEPT THINKING

about all the good times we had last summer....the Miniwanca Gardens, the County Fair, the Fourth of July celebration with the camper-leader ball games, the hike to Little Point Sable, the wonderful fellowship and food of the Eating Lodge, the peppy Assembly periods that Joe conducts each day....and then I said to myself - "I wonder where all the boys will come from who will be camping with us in 1947". Well, so far we have definite registrations for the following new fellows: GILBERT BARNES of Gary, Indiana; JOHNNY BARTZ, Lauderdale, Florida; BYRON BLANK of DeGraff, Ohio; LOUIS BOOTH, DICK CLARK and DONALD COSSAART all of Webster Groves, Mo.;

2. DAVID CREATH of Belleville, Ill.; JOHN EASTMAN of Honesdale, Pa.; WILLIAM FALL of Hiram, Ohio; FRANK FLINT, of Hart, Mich.; CARL GRAHAM of Berea, Ky., NEIL GOERISCH of St. Louis; DANIEL HAUGHT of Fairmont, W. Va.; DICK HERBERTS of Western Springs, Ill.; RONNIE HURD of Belleville, Ill.; BOB JENKINS of Pittsfield, Ill.; JAMES ILER III and JOHN ILER and JOHN BRUCE MC CLURE all of Cincinnati, Ohio; BRUCE KRUMMENACHER of St. Louis; JACK MC GREGOR of Oak Park, Ill.; BOB OLSON of Shaker Heights,O.; DOUGLAS OTTO of Dayton, Ohio; BILL OYLER of Berea, Ky.; BILL PECHE of St. Louis; DICK PETTY of Western Springs, Ill.; JOHN PORTER of St. Louis; LARRY RAY of New Era, Mich.; DAN RICHART of Hannibal, Mo.; JIM RICHOLSON of Lafayette, Indiana; JONATHAN ROGERS of Moline, Ill.; JOHN ROPER of Dover, Delaware; JOHN SHILLINGTON of Webster Groves, Mo.; JOHN SIEGEL of Belleville, Ill.; WELLINGTON STEVENS II of Hart, Michigan; BOB TAYLOR of Clayton, Mo.; CRAWFORD THOBURN of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; KENNETH SIROKY of University City, Mo.; TOM SPIVEY of East St. Louis, Ill.; PAUL VAN DER SLICE of Washington, D.C.; GEORGE WANDEL II of Grandview, Indiana; DONALD WARTENBE of Richmond Heights, Mo.; ROGER WEBSTER of Birmingham, Michigan; ARVILLE WHEELER of Ashland, Ky.; RICHARD ZULAUF of St. Louis, Mo.



AND WITH THE USUAL LONG LIST OF "OLD-TIMERS" RETURNING

you can see we hope to have an unusually fine camp of about one hundred sixty boys and thirty-five leaders, from about twenty states.

Perhaps this would be a good time to remind all OLD CAMPERS that if you are responsible for getting a new boy to Camp Miniwanca Younger Boys Camp

YOU GET A FIVE DOLLAR CREDIT ON YOUR ENROLLMENT FEE!

That's why we are enclosing the "golden-rod" sheet of paper....so it will be easy for you to suggest names to us, and we'll help you tell their mothers and dads all about Camp Miniwanca. It just takes a few minutes, and surely you can think of some friends at school, Sunday-School, Cubs, Scouts, "Y", etc. with whom you would like to share the good news of our Camp Miniwanca. And in addition to one or two boys names, MAYBE you could send along the names of a couple of girl friends as prospects for the Younger Girls Camp. TALK TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT THIS MATTER of lining up some friends for camp this summer.

THE YOUNGER BOYS AND YOUNGER GIRLS CAMPS ARE JUST ABOUT FILLED

to capacity, so if some of your friends want to be sure of a place in camp in 1947, and not have to go on our Waiting List....they should be signing up mighty quickly. If a fellow gets his application card in our office PROMPTLY - in March - he is pretty sure of a place at Miniwanca this summer. As some family changes their plans for the summer, and ask that their child's name be taken out of our registered file, then the next one on the waiting list gets his place. SEND IN YOUR LIST TODAY!

AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME LETTERS WITH YOU -

letters that have been coming in from campers and leaders all over the country. We just can't reprint all of the dozens of letters that the mailman brings us - but here is a good sampling of what the various campers and leaders are doing:

First is a note from BOB JOHNSON of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Hi Everybody!-

I am hoping for more snow so I can earn some more money shoveling sidewalks. I am just starting the Webdos requirements. Haven't missed Sunday-School or school as yet. I'm counting the days until June 18th. So long everybody. - BOB JOHNSON

of a dingy spook-filled room in the back of the Black Witch Restaurant, hangs the motto of the AFofL Ghostwalker's Local No. 464½ - "WE AIM TO SCARE" or "OH WELL, WE TRIED, DIDN'T WE?"

Enough of that! Studies and a Sunday-School Class at the local Baptist Church are taking up most of my time. Greetings to all you Miniwancans from the campus of the 1946 Big Nine Football Champs.

Unable to get into Harvard, so I plan to finish out my Master's work here at Illinois. The whole Commerce Grad Class is made up of fellows who tried to get into Harvard and couldn't. We figure we rate some sort of Harvard Alumni Association here on the campus.

See all you leaders and campers in June.

- RAY BUDDE

and following that note from a 1946 Leader, here's a letter from a 1946 Camper:

BERNARD F. GRIESEL of 3454 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

(NOTE: Bernard again appeared on the Quiz Kids Show broadcast from WMAQ in Chicago, on Sunday, Feb. 9th at 3:30 p.m. CST. He was also on the following Sunday, and you may have heard him since then. Be sure and write the station after you hear him and say you liked him, because that will help Bernard get back on the program.)

Dear Wadjepi and all 1946 Campers -

Thanks a lot for sending me the TRAIL. I enjoyed it very much. I've been singing in the Chicago Civic Opera, in the children's chorus this winter. The operas I sang in were Carmen, Tosca, LaGioconda, Parsifal and Hensel and Gretel. I also sang in the new opera company which came to Chicago in January. School is just the same as usual. Hope to see you all this summer. As ever,

- BERNARD GRIESEL

and GIL BARNES writes from Gary, Indiana

Dear Campers and Leaders:

Since I broke camp I have moved. Now I am pretty well tied down to my curriculum at school and the procedure of getting settled. I hope to see all of you old campers as soon as I can, which will probably be next June 18th. Oh, I can see it now....the sun, water and SAND. I imagine every one is looking forward to that day as I am. As ever,

- GIL BARNES

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JUST A LINE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT "KODAYA" WILL BE BACK AGAIN

....yes sir, Dr. O. W. Warmingham of Boston, and one of our Associate Directors, will be on deck for his usual song-leading and Christian Ideals classes. By the way, if any of you would like his new book of poems called "SINGING SANDS AND SILVER SEA", you may order it through the Founder Office. Send a check or money order for $1.10 made out to the American Youth Foundation and mail it to us at 3930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Missouri.

Webster Groves, Missouri
21 February, 1947

HELLO BOYS -

To me, Camp Miniwanca has come to represent as much a part of the year's activities as eating and sleeping. In fact, throughout each year, I look forward to this rest and relaxation (not the Guthrie variety) from the hurry and worry of the modern civilization, while the eating of daily nourishment is somewhat analagous to the spiritual uplift and physical build-up that comes from the camping period.

I think it would be fun and rather enlightening to take some pictures of campers as they come in at the start of camp, and of the same fellows as they leave camp; it would illustrate my point better than I can. At any rate, I certainly think that it beats any "Spring Tonic" I ever heard of! Those that have the opportunity to get to camp year after year have an unparalled and fascinating chance to watch diminutive (rela tivity speaking) DARERS "Blossom out" in the succeeding camping periods. And anyone who has slept beneath those brilliantly clear stars with the breeze deliciously swishing through the pines and past the tent, will admit that this is the place to grow up.

Well, if the Chemical and Electrical Engineering schools don't make themselves too obnoxious, I EXPECT TO BUILD SOMEWHAT MORE COMPLETE TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING UNITS FOR NEXT SUMMER, as well as the other miscellaneous radio "junk". And I'll be willing to bet that Archie Church won't want a crewcut this summer. Know what I mean? With very best regards to you all.

- BILL BENNER

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"The Sunny South"
University of Richmond, Virginia
20 February, 1947

HIYA FELLOWS,

Gee it's hard to believe that it's less than four months until we'll be back on those sand dunes. I've been thinking about those warm days, and hot ball games, trying to keep warm, down here in the "Sunny South" where Virginia is covered with a foot of snow. But, golly, there's so many memories and plenty of good times.

Remember, that play "GOODNIGHT, PLEASE" in which Bob Meyer got beat with a slipper? I'm already on the lookout for another play for our Dramatics Interest Group. What do'ya say? And remember our serenade to the gals, or maybe I'm not supposed to tell, but we surely want a big choir again, and then - well? And I want to see who is going to win that Stupka-Penwell fight this summer. And that regatta...haven't been sa iling since last summer. Incidentally, has anybody seen Suzy??? But we surely can't leave out Kodaya's talk on "Making a Heaven at Miniwanca" and some of those swell vesper talks....Remember the candle-light service and those campfires and sings? But what I really want to see is who can make the best hog-caller of the year!!

A big HELLO to you old fellows, and plenty of greetings to you new Founder campers. Sure want to meet you. Till the best summer, ever.

- ED. CLARK

Whiting, Indiana
Washington's Birthday

HI GANG!

I certainly appreciate being asked to say a few words to all of you. It brings back memories of all the swell times we had last summer. I'll bet Eston Mathews is trying to think up a bigger and better "ghost-walk". I can just hear Bob Jay and the strains of "HEY-BA-BA-RE-BAH" that issued incessantly from tent D. How horrible!

Of course, we can't forget Queal and his seal act in the Leader's Frolic, and Dick Hamlin as "Da Black Boy". There are many more highlights of last year's YB Camping Season of which space will not permit mentioning: among these are the interviews with "Dad" Waite, the Hillside Hours and the impressive Chapel services.

These are some of the things to which you new Founders can look forward next summer. And, speaking of next summer, it won't be long now until we are back at Miniwanca, for another glorious five weeks. Until then, I wish each and every one of you the best of luck in everything.

- FRANK LONG

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Deland, Florida
21 February 1947

HI, FELLOWS -

Books - books - books - gee, my desk is loaded down with 'em, and each one seems to have a thousand pages of fine print to be read within the next three weeks. However, I just cannot keep my mind on such things very long; day-dreaming about summertime is much more enjoyable.

Boy! It's really fun to remember the swimming in Stony Lake, "Old Baldy", the beach suppers, and all the other wonderful things about Camp Miniwanca. But, it's even more fun to think ofthe good times we're going to have there this summer doing many of the same things again.

Ever since camp was over last July, I've been looking forward to next June when we'll again gather on those dunes for more of those invigorating morning dips, ideals classes, tribal games, vespers, and even another "ghost walk" if you want it. And for your DARERS (11 and 12) especially, Budde and I are thinking up some extra special night's doings which we think you'll enjoy. Too, I hope to help more of you get your life-saving certificates this year.

It's really going to be swell to meet all you new campers as w ell as to be with you former campers again.

Darerly yours,

- ESTON MATHEWS

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Worthington, Ohio
21 February 1947

HI FELLOWS:

Close your eyes and think back to camp a minute - there's King on the high board; there's Tom Wiley taking your picture; there's a beautiful sunset and a big freighter on the horizon on Lake Michigan; there's Ed. Clark looking for Rigor Mortis; there's Wadjepi talking about trying to hit a "BULLSEYE" in life; and there is Joe shouting "lights out in two minutes"...so to all campers, old and new - here's to a bigger and better camp this summer. Fourfoldly yours,

- BOB JAY

JOE WHITWAM TO DIRECT 1947 YB CAMP!!!

Yes sir, Founder gang, here is the big announcement you have been waiting for, and what a whale of an announcement it is....

JOE WHITWAM will again direct the
Younger Boy and Pre-Senior Camps
.....for the season of 1947....

And for the benefit of you new campers especially, let's take a good look at our Director and see just what kind of a fellow he is.

So read all about it....first of all this will be another banner year for Joe, since he will celebrate his 28th straight year in the Founder camps....and his 5th year in YB...and his 3rd straight as Director. Under Joe's direction, and with another swell group of leaders, we know the 1947 camp will be among the best ever held on the sand-dunes of Lake Michigan.

In 1943 Joe rounded out his 20th straight year of service as a Leader in the Founder camps and at that time was awarded a handsome solid gold watch in recognition of the outstanding contribution he made to the Founder Fellowship.

For nearly two decades Joe has been head of the Physical Education Department of Niles High School, in Niles, Michigan. He has long been a producer of championship athletic teams. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and later received his M.A. degree from Columbia University.

We could go on and on and shout praises about our friend Joe, but all you boys will soon learn to know him as a friendly, hard-hitting man, with a fine sense of humor and with high moral standards.

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And here's a letter from Joe to all the 1947 campers....

HI GANG!

Will you ever forget the wonderful times in 1946? Of course not. 1947 will be better than ever, for Miniwanca goes only one way - FORWARD!

Remember the great 4th of July program, Backwards Day, County Fair Day, the boat trips around Stony Lake, Camper-Leader ball games, beach supper, nights on the shores of Lake Michigan, tent group fellowship, Friendly Councils, Grand Council, the visit to YG and yes, the hike to Little Point Sable. Then the high point of every day....vespers and the straight-from-the-shoulder talks by the leaders.

1947 means all the old events, plus many new ones. You will want to be on hand for all of the surprises and good times in store for you.

The challenge of Miniwanca puts you in the front of every worthwhile activity in your school, church and town. Go to it every minute and live your life at its best all of the time, the Jesus Way. I'll be seeing you at camp.

Founderly yours,

Joe Whitwam

HERE ARE THE ALL-TIME ATHLETIC AND AQUATIC RECORDS

made during the seventeen years of the Younger Boys Camp at Miniwanca. Perhaps you "old-timers" would like to have them "black-on-white" and it may give the new boys something to think about. We wonder how many records will be broken in 1947.

"DARERS" (11 and 12 year olds)

ATHLETIC MEET				AQUATIC MEET			
				25 Yd. Free	14.6	J. Thorson	'43
50 Yd. Dash	6.9	Furlow	'42	25 Yd. Back	20.0	Furlough	'42
High Jump	4'5"	Olson	'43	25 Yd. Breast	19.4	J. Thorson	'43
6 lb. Shot Put	32'7½"	Beebe	'41	50 Yd. Free	34.4	Goettig	'45
8 lb. Shot Put	24'2"	Siegert	'46	50 Yd. Back	46.2	Furlough	'42
Baseball Throw	183'	Haase	'45	50 Yd. Breast	52.0	Cadieu	'46
Stndg. Brd. Jump	7'8"	Haase	'43	100 Yd. Free	1:27.6	Cook	'44
Hop, Step, Jump	27'5½"	Olson	'43	100 Yd. Relay	1:08.0	BENONAS	'44
				75 Yd. Medley	1:20.6	BEACHES	'46

"DOERS" (13 and 14 year olds)

				25 Yd. Free	13.4	Lilly	'41
75 Yd. Dash	8.7	Smith	'43	25 Yd. Back	15.6	Beatty	'45
Stdg. Brd. Jump	9'3"	Shawver	'45	25 Yd. Breast	16.4	Revelle	'41
High Jump	4'10½"	Bachman	'46	50 Yd. Free	31.2	Lange	'41
8 lb. Shot Put	47'	Bachman	'46	50 Yd. Back	38.9	Boyles	'45
Baseball Throw	249'	Beatty	'45	50 Yd. Breast	37.5	Revelle	'41
Hop, Step, Jump	36'	Lilly	'41	100 Yd. Free	1:15.0	Hoffsommer	'45
				100 Yd. Relay	1:05.0	BREAKERS	'41
				75 Yd. Medley	52.9	SANDS	'45

"PRE-SENIORS" (15 and 16 year olds)

					12.3	Kingsbury	'42
				25 Yd. Free	12.3	Revelle	'43
100 Yd. Dash	11.0	Rice	'41	25 Yd. Back	15.6	Jenkins	'41
Stdg. Brd. Jump	9'6½"	Shawver	'46	25 Yd. Breast	14.6	Revelle	'43
High Jump	5'7"	Waite	'32	50 Yd. Free	27.6	Jenkins	'41
8 lb. Shot Put	51'4"	Rice	'41	50 Yd. Back	34.2	Graves	'43
Baseball Throw	291'4"	Beatty	'46	50 Yd. Breast	32.5	Revelle	'43
Hop, Step, Jump	37'	Revelle	'43	100 Yd. Free	1:05.0	Jenkins	'41
				100 Yd. Relay	52.2	FLAMES	'41
				75 Yd. Medley	49.9	FLAMES	'43

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SHARE WITH YOUR PARENTS! - A FEW THINGS YOU WILL WANT TO - SHARE WITH YOUR PARENTS!

First, about duffel bags and camp trunks or lockers. A little later on, full information will be sent to parents regarding your camp clothes and equipment. Most parents already have the information. Some like to use duffel bags; others, old suitcases, and still others prefer small flat trunks. In a number of cases, parents have had made a stout plain wooden box, with hinges and padlock, and this is good, if lumber can be obtained. Big wardrobe trunks should NEVER be brought to camp. It is best to have a trunk that will slip under a cot - the height of which should not be more than 12½" - length does not matter.

Secondly, we would like to suggest the use of laundry mailing cases. We expect the laundry situation in Muskegon still to be acute this season. For the past several

8 years parents have been mailing a box of fresh laundry each week, and the camper each week returns a box of soiled clothes. To keep this exchange working on schedule, there really should be two laundry mailing boxes for a family. This plan also helps, in that it is not necessary to ship all of your clothes to camp at the start of the camping period. Moreover, it is the safest and surest way to ship laundry and make sure the camper has clean clothes. And at the close of camp (when there is oftimes a shortage of wrapping paper and twine) it is the best way we know of to insure that all clothes get home, since boys sometimes become careless in tying their bundles.

Thirdly, a word about camper insurance. This plan has been in operation for several years and we are ready again to give it our hearty approval. The cost is low, $5.00 for the five week camping term, with a 48 hour travel coverage, both ways, and it covers trips away from camp under camp direction. The limit of reimbursement is $250 per accident, $100 for sickness, and $500 for accidental death. No one anticipates accidents or sickness and the Camp Miniwanca health and safety record is an enviable one, and we shall do everything in our power to keep it so. Coverage of this kind, however, is very desirable protection. Full details will be sent later, including the name and address of the insuring company to which all applications should be sent.

Fourthly, concerning TRAVEL PLANS, it is a bit early to discuss details. Full information is being sought from the various railroads, bus companies, and steamship lines, and complete details regarding travel will later be sent to the parents of all registered campers. It is a nticipated that our travel plans will be very much as they were last summer. Perhaps, with gas rationing off, more parents will be driving their children to camp.

B O Y S B E S U R E T O B R I N G . . .

YOUR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. We always have a lot of fun in our tents, in the Council Circle, at the banquets, etc....so help us have a good band and orchestra.

AND YOUR COMIC COSTUMES, for the stunt nights, masquerades, or what have you. And if there is any HOBBY MATERIAL you might want to work on at camp, pack it up and bring it along. By the way, IF you should find some old costumes you don't want any more, they would find a welcome place in our camp Costume Room. Donations will be gladly accepted.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES. We hope to have dozens of books from the Michigan State Library again, but probably you have several books which you've enjoyed reading and would like to add to the camp library for the summer, so that other boys can enjoy them too. Bring some old copies of TIME, LIFE, POPULAR MECHANICS, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, BOYS LIFE and other good magazines you may have - which would be a fine addition to the camp library.

FISHING TACKLE - just how good a fisherman are you? Miniwanca boys caught quite a few fish last summer. And there are big fellows in Stony Lake if you are good enough to land them. You can fish during the "interest groups" period and have a real fish fry right out in the open. AND REMEMBER how we caught 150 pounds of fish the first time the 1200 ft. gill net was put down in Lake Michigan in 1945? So come on you fishermen - let's try for a nice catch of big fat perch.

As we said before, you will be receiving complete lists of suggested equipment, but we might suggest you get the camera and film all ready....the old ball gloves oiled up and have a good pocket in them....and you BOY SCOUTS should be figuring what tests you want to pass at camp and then remember to bring your card along so our official examiners can sign them for you.

some of the YOUNGER BOY LEADERS who plan to be on our 1947 Leadership Staff....for the 18th season of the Younger Boys Camp at Miniwanca. (There are going to be some additions, and some cancellations perhaps, but here is the line-up as we see it now, and believe you me, it looks like a mighty strong team of L E A D E R S !

DAVE ARMINGTON from Euclid, Ohio is a track star at Western Reserve University; KEN BANDELIER from New Haven, Indiana and Purdue University; GEORGE BASTA from Chicago and an engineering student at M. I. T.; BILL BENNER of Webster Groves and electronics research engineer from Washington University; BOB BLACKWELL of Harris Teachers College in St. Louis; JACK BODINE who is taking industrial engineering at Washington University; CHALMERS BRYANT from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, Alabama; RAY BUDDE graduate commerce student at the University of Illinois; GEORGE CARVER of Yale University; ED CLARK returns to Miniwanca for his third consecutive season from the University of Richmond, Virginia; PAUL CORNING a pre-law student at Washington University; IVAN DORNON a pre-med student at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio; BOB ELSMERE commercial artist and student at Manchester College in Manchester, Indiana; JIM EVANS and MEL WAGNER will be back to team up as "Junior Leaders"; DAVE FOGLE of Georgetown, Kentucky and graduating from Phillips-Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire; BILL GLENN, talented musician from West Virginia University at Morgantow n; CLARE GROSENBAUGH from Canton who is finishing his sophomore year at Ohio University in Athens; HOWARD HARTMAN who saw the atom bomb explode at Bikini, and who graduates with a chemistry degree at St. Louis University in June; JIM HILLS outstanding Miniwanca camper and young peoples leader comes all the way from the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles; RALPH HOWARD returns to the YB Staff again from Ohio State in Columbus; BOB JAY of Worthington, and Ohio State University in Columbus comes "back for more"; BILL KELLY of Akron, Ohio and Yale University; GLENN KOYL from East Palestine, Ohio and Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio says he'll be back for "another wonderful summer"; FRANK LONG from Whiting, Indiana will be back to help coach all you future high school track stars; ESTON MATHEWS (1946 Editor of the DUNES DISPATCH) returns from Stetson University at Deland, Florida; BILL TROOP, whose dad was a leader in the Founder camps a quarter of a century ago, comes from Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio; CHARLES VAN CLEVE from Muncie, Indiana and the University of Chicago; BROWNELL WHEELER of Ashland, Kentucky and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee; and VERNON WILLS of New Kensington, Pennsylvania and West Virginia Wesleyan College.

So there they are - and what a good start it is....and WITH A GANG OF CAMPERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ALL THAT MINIWANCA STANDS FOR....1947 will be an unusually fine camping experience. It won't be long now - St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, EASTER, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day and CAMPING DAYS WILL BE HERE AGAIN!

In the meantime, let's remember our camp motto:

"MY OWN SELF, AT MY VERY BEST, ALL THE TIME"

We'll be seeing you down on the Stony Lake Docks on Wednesday, June 18, 1947.

P. G. Orwig, DIRECTOR
AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION

P. S. Who's going to win the annual Camper-Leader softball game this year? That's the one I love to umpire!

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